

**REMARKS**

**Double Patenting Rejections**

Claims 13, 14, 20, 21, and 24-26 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims of copending Application Nos. 10/650,505 and 10/648,429. Applicant respectfully elects to postpone responding until the rejection is no longer a "provisional" rejection.

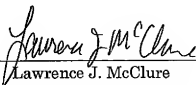
Applicant believes the election to postpone a response is appropriate in view of the MPEP at 804(I)B which states,

"The 'provisional' double patenting rejection should continue to be made by the examiner in each application as long as there are conflicting claims in more than one application unless that 'provisional' double patenting rejection is the only rejection remaining in at least one of the applications."

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 785-4721 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

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